



Re: EPA Releases Third Set of Sampling Results for Dimock Wells  
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So would it be accurate to say that one of the 16 wells turned up an elevated level of arsenic, but none of the other 15 had contaminant levels that exceeded primary or second MCLs? What was the arsenic level in the one well? The site to which you link has a file with 617 pages of data. I have no idea which of the 16 wells are included in this third announcement of test results.

Yes, your statement is accurate.

The well with high arsenic was HW47 and the level of arsenic was 91 micrograms per liter.  
The 16 wells added to the list includes: 15a, 16, 21, 22, 23, 30, 31, 36, 38, 43, 44, 47, 48, 49, 51, 54

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I'm sorry for being dense, but the first part of the statement clearly implies the test results were basically fine: "This set of sampling did not show levels of contaminants that would give EPA reason to take further action." But it sounds like that is not true — there was a high level of arsenic contamination in one well, prompting EPA to offer water. So EPA DID take further action. It's just that the resident declined the offer.

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Thank you.

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As noted in our statement, we offered alternative water to one resident and the resident declined. There is no need to take further action.

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Also:  
You say the sampling did not show levels of contaminants that would give EPA reason to take further action. In the next sentence, you say EPA found elevated levels of arsenic. These two statements seem to contradict one another. Please explain.  
Thanks,  
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**EPA 4/20/12 Statement on Dimock:**

EPA has completed and shared with residents and Pennsylvania state officials the third set of sampling at 16 private drinking water wells in Dimock, Pennsylvania. This set of sampling did not show levels of contaminants that would give EPA reason to take further action. At one well, EPA found elevated levels of arsenic and offered alternate water but the resident declined. EPA remains committed to providing Dimock residents with the best available data and information on the quality of drinking water as expeditiously as possible.

For more information on the sampling results, visit: <http://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/states/pa.html>

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